

It is not difficult to take action but parliamentary system of democracy carries with itself a certain amount of give and take and a certain amount of agreement with regard to the mode of carrying on business. Each party accommodates the other in this single field of arranging the business. Even after arranging the business in this fashion opposition will talk as virulently as necessary and the Government will hear it with patience and try to rebut or answer the criticism; that is why it has been said the majority rules and minority criticises and opposes and the majority carries the day in the House.

In the light of what has been taking place, it is to be seen whether the wishes of the House have to be ascertained in this behalf or not. If that is also opposed it amounts to tyranny of the minority over the majority. It can exist in a country where there is no democracy prevailing. It is a dictatorship of a few people in the minority. To that extent, the majority and the Presiding Officer of the House—are they to meekly submit? This position is not consistent either with the basic principles or with the statute or the conventions established till now in any country where democracy prevails. Is it that it only means the rules are not to be observed, because an opinion has been formed by some members and that opinion has to be concurred in by others? This state of affairs should not arise or cannot continue for long.

Some of the hon'ble members referred to the statement I made while expressing my gratitude on my election to the office of the Speakership and in particular adverted to the circumstances that the Speaker is the custodian of the rights and privileges of the House and that my intention will be to protect the rights and privileges of the minorities. It is nothing but a correct statement. From this it follows that the protection of the rights and privileges of the members whose work is being obstructed is entitled to recognition and consequential protection at my hands. No member or group of members have got the right to say that no work proposed or intended by any other member should ever be taken up or that stage cannot be reached unless some other things are done to their satisfaction. This is crystal clear.

If for any reason the work of the House is not transacted even to-day the responsibility will lie on those that are obstructing. How this situation is to be tackled is the only point for consideration.

FILLING UP OF A VACANCY IN THE PANEL OF CHAIRMEN—

Announcement.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have one announcement to make. From among the members in the panel of Chairmen to preside over the House in the absence of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, one was Smt. Basavarajeswari. She has resigned. I have no right to compel her to

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continue. I fill the vacancy by including the name of Sri S. D. Kothavale in the panel, who will be among the four members that will be presiding over the deliberations in my absence.

Hon'ble Members could have seen that I have not been able to pick up my voice. I have consumed lot of medicine to equip myself to this extent. Medical advice has been that my throat requires complete rest for two days. The Statement is placed in the hands of hon'ble Members.

Now, naturally, hon'ble members might or at any rate some might—and I will not be wrong in thinking—require some time. I deem it proper to allow some time at their disposal. I therefore propose to adjourn the House for two hours. On reassembling, if my throat responds, I will come and preside; otherwise, members will kindly excuse me.

The House will now adjourn for two hours.

The House adjourned for Recess at Twenty Minutes past One of the Clock and re-assembled at Thirty Minutes past Three of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Members' Representations.

MR. SPEAKER.—I trust members have carefully pondered over what I stated. When I finished reading my statement, I thought the Hon'ble Member Sri Siddaveerappa wanted to say something.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar).—Sir, I wanted to know from you whether that statement is open for discussion because it is stated in the statement: "If for any reason the work of the House is not transacted even today, the responsibility will lie on those that are obstructing. How this situation is to be tackled is the only point for consideration."

MR. SPEAKER.—A solution is to be found and there need not be any Debate. I am prepared to adjourn the House for another hour if any useful purpose will be served thereby. I may inform the House that for every word that I utter, I am exerting on my vocal chord and there is a certain amount of pain. In the light of what I have said, if members think that any solution can be found, they can do it. So far as I am concerned, I have endeavoured my best and failed and I do not propose to do it again unless all desire it. Somebody came and told me that I could try to find a solution not as Speaker but as Vaikunta Baliga. I said, "as Vaikunta Baliga I am dead and gone; do not call that person again; It is only as Speaker and as none else."